



**Minutes of Meeting**  
**CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION**  
**June 11, 2014**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners**

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| X | Larry Bomke   | X | Robert Plunk  |
| X | Josh Collins  | X | J.D. Sudeth   |
| X | James Donelan |   | Joan Walters  |
| X | Karen Hasara  | X | Robert Wesley |
| X | Jackie Newman |   |               |

**Others**

Norm Sims- SSCRPC

Amy Uden- SSCRPC

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairperson Robert Plunk called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice-Chair Plunk noted a slight change to the attendance section of the draft minutes. Mr. Bob Wesley moved to approve the minutes from the last CEC meeting. Mr. Jim Donelan seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

**III. DISCUSSION OF CEC IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES**

Vice-Chair Plunk opened the discussion regarding the main item on the CEC's agenda—the prioritization of its recommendations into a work plan for implementation activities. The CEC reviewed resources provided by SSCRPC staff, which included a “menu” of implementation options the CEC might pursue related to its recommendations.

CEC members presented various proposed courses of action. Mr. Wesley first offered that he felt an essential starting point for the group would be to determine more clearly what the role of SSCRPC staff would be in pursuing these recommendations. He noted the challenges of implementing any of the recommendations without guidance and support, and suggested the CEC look at recommendations' potential to be implemented as one factor in its prioritization scheme. The CEC also discussed the option of negative voting, or ruling out recommendations for early action which they felt had already been attained or would not add significant value.

Vice-Chair Plunk offered a document he had prepared which listed all of the CEC's recommendations from its first term, their statuses, and his conceptualization of their priority ranking for future action. Mr. Norm Sims then asked the CEC to consider its strategy for implementation, and specifically offered that the CEC should look for strategic partners who share its objectives. He also noted that it would be important for the CEC to help develop institutions or structures with which it could work for the implementation of its recommendations, as has been the case with the Regional



Leadership Council. In addition to gaining an understanding of the status of each recommendation, he noted that the CEC may wish to identify who in government with actual implementing authority has an interest in advancing CEC objectives.

The CEC worked through several examples from among its recommendations to discuss how and why implementation could be pursued. Mr. Wesley proposed developing short presentations on each recommendation, and utilizing the next several meetings to review them. Mr. Josh Collins offered the suggestions of either a scoring sheet for ranking recommendations or a public forum to gain ideas on this point. The group ultimately determined that the most efficient first step for defining group priorities would be for each commissioner to send to SSCRPC staff a list of his or her three top priority recommendations and three lowest ranking recommendations. SSCRPC staff indicated that they would send an email reminder of this task, and a due date of June 27<sup>th</sup> was set.

The CEC noted that it would be important at its next meeting to return to the question of over-arching themes or meta-issues, and how it can work to cultivate a “new way of doing business” among local governments.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

Vice-Chair Plunk indicated that he had recently attended a Riverton Area Fire Protection District meeting, and provided the group with a news article summarizing his comments. He noted that he had spoken with Riverton Fire Chief Louie Rogers recently, who had mentioned that a five-member committee of the fire chiefs was being assembled to develop a formal response to the CEC. Chief Rogers indicated that this group would be sending a letter to CEC Chair Joan Walters to request a meeting, but SSCRPC staff verified that letter had not yet been received at the time of the CEC’s meeting.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

SSCRPC staff provided the CEC with a limited summary of the portions of state statute that would need to be altered should the CEC pursue the legislative agenda outlined in its final report. This summary also detailed the legislation cited in several CEC recommendations that could be utilized to provide tools for implementation.

The next CEC meeting date will be July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 3:00 pm in Room 212 of the Sangamon County Building.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments, Vice-Chair Plunk called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. J.D. Sudeth made the motion with Mr. Collins seconding. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Uden  
Acting as Recording Secretary